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15th Anniversary of the Opening of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center

Fifteen years ago this fall, the Hospital and Medical College buildings at this Center were opened. The cornerstone was laid two and half years earlier—on June 12, 1930 by Mr. Edward W. Sheldon, then President of the Society.

The employees who came to us in the fall of 1932 came from the old Cornell Medical College at 28th Street, the Cornell Clinic, the Old New York Hospital on 15th Street, the Lying-In Hospital, Manhattan Maternity & Dispensary or the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital. A number of employees started their careers with us, however, at 68th Street in the fall of 1932.

To recognize this Anniversary and at the same time to show appreciation to those who have served this Medical Center for 15 or more years, the Joint Administrative Board of The New York Hospital and Cornell University plans a dinner at this Center on November 5, 1947. The dinner guests will be the 180 persons—seven of them members of the Board of Governors of the Hospital—who have 15 or more years of full-time service to their credit with us.

These guests will be awarded service pins—silver pins for 15 years of service; gold pins for 25 or more years of service. About 30 persons are eligible for gold pins!

Invitations have been sent to the individuals whose records on our books show that they are eligible for an award. The Committee in charge decided that any employee who was employed by December 31, 1932 should be eligible, provided he will have had 15 or more years of full-time service by December 31, 1947. The invitations include full-time professional staff members having 15 or more full-time years of service (Service means full-time service here or with Cornell (old) Medical College or with any predecessor Hospitals or Cornell Clinic. Absence from duty because of service in the military forces of our country counts as Medical Center service. One's record need not be of continuous service but must total 15 or more full-time years.)

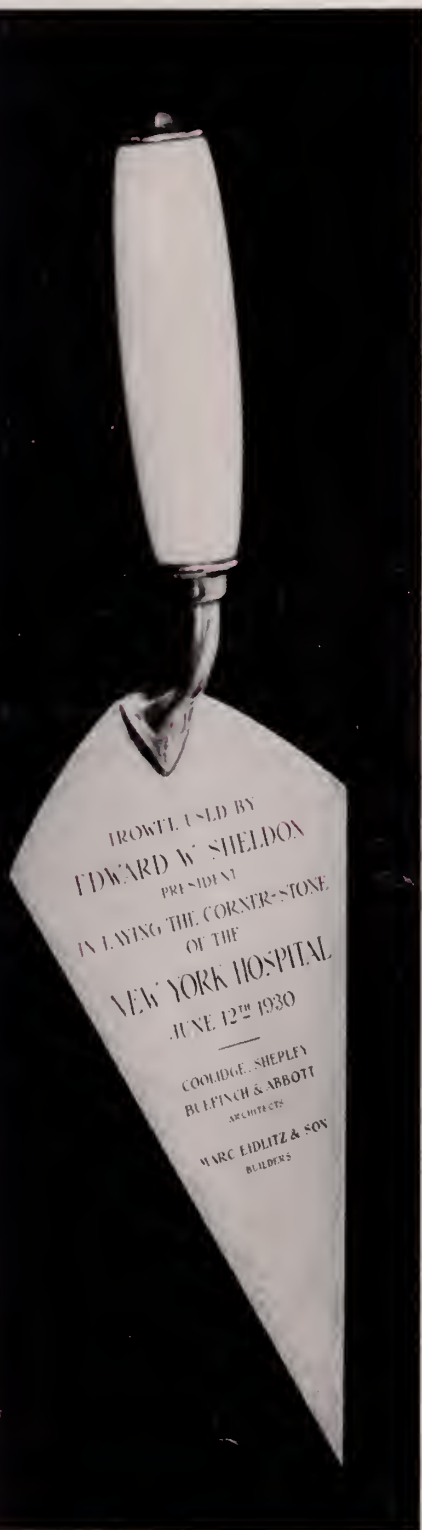
Other invited guests will include members of the Hospital's Board of Governors, the University Board of Trustees, the Administration and Senior Department Heads.

The Westchester Division dinner will be held at a later date, as geographical lines make a joint dinner difficult to arrange.

The Committee in charge consists of Dr. Bayne-Jones, Mr. Sargent, Dean Hinsey, Dr. Wheeler, Miss Parker, Mrs. Ivison, Miss Stephenson and Messrs. Best, Dale, Downey, Johnson, Keig, McHugh, Payson and Taylor.

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In addition to Mr. Sheldon, the then President of The Society of The New York Hospital, others who officiated at the cornerstone laying ceremonies were John Hay Whitney, now Vice-President of The Society, Dr. Livingston Farrand, the then President of Cornell University and Dr. G. Canby Robinson, then the Director of The New York Hospital—Cornell Medical College Association.



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YOUR MANNERS ARE SHOWING

"Politeness combined with kindness" is Mr. Webster's definition of an important word—courtesy. The importance of this word lies in the action it represents.

The New York Hospital seal depicts the Good Samaritan performing an act of kindness and is engraved with the accompanying biblical inscription, "Go and do thou likewise". This high charge clearly defines our paths.

Administering to the sick demands a great deal of us and of our abilities. We must be scientifically capable, we must be kind, we must be polite, we must be sincere. Yes, we must be all of these things to the patient as well as to the visitor.

It's a cinch we will be too, if we practice civility and understanding in our dealings with each other—that's courtesy.

"SET THEM UP IN THE OTHER ALLEY"

The bowling season is underway!

Leo Milano, Captain of the Main Kitchen team, is looking for competition, and would like to get some teams together from other departments in the hospital. Come on, all you men (or women) who are interested in bowling, and get in touch with Leo by calling Ext. 280. Come one, Come all! Leo will make reservations for you at the Central Opera Bowling Alleys located at 67th St., between 2nd and 3rd Aves.

The Kitchen team, composed of Leo and Patsy Milano, George Vishner, Frank Veverka, and Faust, with Joseph Costa, Walter Weber and John De-Michael, as substitutes, will guarantee a tough battle with any team for the hospital title. If enough teams are formed, a real tournament with prizes can be arranged. So get busy, and let's go bowling!

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Hannah L. Josephi

We regret to announce the passing of Miss Hannah L. Josephi on September 19, 1947, at Roanoke, Virginia, of acute cardiac failure.

Miss Josephi, who retired as Director of the Social Service Department on September 30, 1938, graduated from the Training School for Nurses of the New York Hospital, now the Cornell University—New York Hospital School of Nursing, with the class of 1901.

After graduation she accepted the position as Superintendent of the House of the Holy Comforter, in New York City, and later became the Superintendent of the Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, New Jersey. In 1912 she returned to The New York Hospital as Director of the Social Service Department, in which Miss Irene Sutcliffe, who had organized it, still kept an active interest.

From 1912 until 1932 the Department under Miss Josephi's guidance served through many changes—the polio epidemic in 1917, when the workers assisted the Board of Health in following up cases; World War 1; the depression years with their attendant economic

problems; and finally the transition from the old hospital on 16th Street to the present site.

After leaving the hospital Miss Josephi made her home in Roanoke, Va., in order to be near her sister, and during World War 2 she was very active in Red Cross work.

All who knew her recognized her loyalty and devotion to The New York Hospital and upon her retirement she was made an honorary member of The Society of The New York Hospital.

Maude M. Brawley

The death of Miss Maude M. Brawley on September 19th, was a shock to her associates here at the Hospital. Miss Brawley was employed in 1932 as housekeeper in charge of the Nurses' Residence. In 1940 she advanced to the position of Executive Housekeeper and Assistant Director of the Building Service Department, the position held at the time of her death. A native of New England, and the possessor of an easy, natural wit, Miss Brawley endeared herself to her associates by handling many a difficult situation in her gracious manner.

NURSES' NOTES

Miss Betty Hunter who graduated from our Nursing School in 1946 has been appointed Assistant Instructor in Nursing Arts.

In the Pediatric Department, Alice Don Dero has been appointed Supervisor and Assistant Instructor and Elizabeth Simmons has been appointed Supervisor. Miss Simmons comes to us from the Stamford Visiting Nurse Association.

Miss Vera Beach who received her nursing diploma here in 1924 has become Supervisor in Private Patients.

Miss Virginia Dericks, a recent graduate of the Graduate School at Teachers College, Columbia University, has been appointed Instructor and Supervisor in Surgical Nursing, and Miss Edith Nielsen who just received her B.S. degree from Teachers College, has become Supervisor in Private Patients and Instructor in Medicine and Surgery.

Another new appointment to the Department of Medicine & Surgery is Miss Pauline Heymann, Instructor and Supervisor in Medical and Surgical Nursing, another recent Master's Degree student from Teachers College.

Woman's Clinic has added three new nurses to its staff. Miss Esther Lipton, Supervisor in the Delivery Room and Instructor in Obstetrical Nursing, was attending Teachers College prior to her appointment. Miss Laura Dustan, Supervisor and Instructor in Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing, comes to us from Western Reserve University. Miss Dorothy Jump, also Supervisor and Assistant Instructor in Woman's Clinic has come here from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

FIFTY-TWO STUDENT NURSES ENTER SCHOOL

Fifty-two new students and their families were entertained at a tea given by the faculty of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing on Saturday, September 27, in the Nurses' Residence.

Among the girls entering the school this fall are five scholarship students Alma Tagliague of Bayville, Long Is-

land, previously a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; June Swanwick of Rowayton, Conn., from Ohio University; Anne von Phul of New York City, from Barnard College; Nancy Gursky of Allentown, Penna., from Cedar Crest College; and Jean Tease of Bucks County, Penna., from Temple University.

Welcome to the Class of 1950.

ELIZABETH MOSER, DIRECTOR OF NURSING BEIRUT, LEBANON

Miss Elizabeth Moser, Associate Professor of Nursing at the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing and Assistant Director of the Nursing Service at The New York Hospital, has resigned to accept the position of Director of the School of Nursing and of the Nursing Service in the hospital of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Miss Moser will begin her new duties in October.

Miss Moser received her A. B. degree from Bluffton College, Bluffton, O. in 1921, her diploma in nursing from the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, Md., in 1926 and her M. A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1944.

Miss Moser joined the staff of The New York Hospital as Instructor and Supervisor in Surgical Nursing in 1932, which position she left in 1935, to become Instructor and Supervisor of Surgical Nursing at Peiping Union Medical College, Peiping, China. After spending four years in this position she returned to the Johns Hopkins Hospital as Assistant Director and Instructor in Nursing Arts from 1940 to 1943, before returning to The New York Hospital as Assistant Dean of the School of Nursing and Assistant Director of the Nursing Service.

LOIS A. DUNN ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT AT DARTMOUTH

Miss Lois A. Dunn, Clinical Instructor in Medical Nursing of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing and Supervisor on the medical service at The New York Hospital, has been named House Mother at Dick's House, The Dartmouth College Infirmary.

Miss Dunn graduated from Wellesley College in 1932. After several years of business experience she entered the Yale University School of Nursing, receiving the degree of Master of Nursing in 1943. She has served with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and as a Research Assistant with the Committee on Public Health Rules of the New York Academy of Medicine. In 1945 she joined the staff of The New York Hospital, serving as general staff nurse, assistant head nurse and head nurse before assuming the dual position which she has resigned to go to Dartmouth.

Miss Dunn will assume her duties at Dick's House on October 1.

FIFTY EIGHT NURSES GRADUATE

The Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing (on Monday, September 29) graduated 58 nurses who have completed the school's three-year course. Of the 58, 48 are qualified for degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Cornell, having completed two years of college work before enrolling in the school. Thirty-two of these received their degrees and the other sixteen will be eligible upon completion of required hospital practice. An additional eleven nurses who, since their graduation in February of this year completed these practice requirements also received University degrees.

Approximately half of the new graduating class plans to stay on the staff of the hospital.

Annie W. Goodrich, a graduate of the class of 1892 and Director of Nurses from 1902 to 1907, was the commencement speaker. Miss Goodrich was also the first Director of the Army School of Nursing and the first dean of the Yale University School of Nursing from which she holds the title of Dean Emeritus. Miss Goodrich, an international authority on nursing education, was special nursing education consultant to the United States Public Health Service, Nursing Education Unit, and is the author of "The Social and Ethical Significance of Nursing," as well as contributor to many magazines.

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Dr. Arthur S. Adams, Provost of Cornell University, presided at the ceremony and awarded the degrees. John Hay Whitney, Vice-President of The Society of The New York Hospital, presented the diplomas and graduate pins.

Virginia M. Dunbar, Dean of the School, extended greetings to the graduates and their guests, and the invocation and benediction was given by the Reverend Luther A. Gotwald, Board of Foreign Missions, United Lutheran Church in America and father of one of the graduating class.

FACULTY ENTERTAINS GRADUATES

After rehearsal for graduation on September 25th, the graduating class was entertained very informally by the Faculty who presented "Elizabeth Harmon et al in "To Sleep, Perchance to Dream". The amusing theme was by Virginia Dericks, motivation by Pauline Heymann, costumes by Mme. Gardini, stage settings by Henry Citro, sound effect by Doris Iba, lighting by Clara Brown, and music by P. Robeson.

The skits took the form of a dream sequence with a commentator making the transition between episodes. "The Morning Report" found sleepy night nurse Harmon wrapped in a blanket yawning waiting for the day shift. Entered the fresh-as-a-daisy head nurse Miss E. Nielsen, graduate M. Joinville (with curly dishevelled hair and lots of jewelry if you can imagine that), and students L. Dustin, V. Daniels, and R. MacLean. These and H. Fedder as the intern trying to get help as the day report was given brought forth great applause and hilarious laughter. "And So To Bed" included the very real and ever present rattatttatt of the compressor drill constantly disturbing the daytime sleepers from York Avenue and Mary Mc Dermott in a choice bit of acting as the inevitable disturber of the sleep who vacuums, drops coke bottles, and sings loudly while she cleans. "Before and After" showed Miss Woodfall looking cute and trim going to class and Rosalind MacLean with her cap sliding off and spots on her adhesive

tape mended apron returning—someone said "You never saw HER look like THAT".

Miss Rynbergen taught a class of bobby-soxed-tan-lab-coated Freshmen portrayed by the Misses Dunbar, Parker, Lyons, Reid, Corrigan and Klein who really let their hair down—with ribbons. They all seemed to be having as much fun doing it as we did watching them and Mary Klein as the over anxious student was priceless. Another outstanding skit was the "E-e-e-efishancy Report" scene between M. Overholser, as the supervisor who suddenly decided to get the overdue report done right away, and J. Walters, as the poor student just off duty who came in uniform and red sport shoes because she was hurrying to keep a date. This was well done and the students relished the content.

Miss Iba as the patient who fell out of bed, Miss Hunter as the sweet girl graduate and Miss Robson's music rounded out a most enjoyable hour of fun and laughter.

In the lounge, under a bower of roses, the 1878 student greeted the 1947 student in a miniature garden. Refreshments were served and after a social hour the Faculty presented the traditional red rose to each member of the graduating class.

**OUR SUPPLY CATALOG REVISED
JULY 25, 1947**

The 1751 items in the revised edition of our Catalog of Standard Supplies appear as a result of study by the Committee of Standardization and Simplification and the Record Committee. These studies included numerous phases of product application on the floors, quality, cost, product availability and every effort to minimize variety by standardizing on a single product for a specified technique. Quality rates high during the discussions and writing of specifications for our supplies by the Committees. Through your frugality and conservation of supplies it is within your power to prove the wisdom of the claim "It pays to buy quality".

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No. 4—Agnes Olwell (K-3) spent a romping vacation in the Rockaway area.

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No. 11—Alex Hohmann (Building Service) was caught—by a camera—ambling through Central Park this Summer.

No. 12—Elizabeth Gurbach (Pediatric Clinic) accompanying her nieces while paddling at Procter, Vermont.

So now you've met all the gang who have submitted vacation snaps except—what's this? It's marked: S. V.—Payroll. OH FINE!



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The Department of Surgery of The New York Hospital

The Department of Surgery together with the surgical specialties constitutes the largest clinical service in the Hospital. It maintains a total of 252 beds distributed among the various surgical services as follows: general surgery with 166 beds cares for approximately 3,000 in-patients a year and performs in the course of their treatment about 3,500 operations. Here, for instance, 303 patients with cancer were operated on during the past year. Ophthalmology with 21 beds treated over 300 eye cases during the same period and made surgical

4,500 operations are performed, and that over 97,000 visits are made to the various out-patient surgical clinics. For instance, in one out-patient department alone, the Emergency Pavilion, over 12,000 patients were cared for last year.

The casual observer might be tempted to conclude from these impressive statistics that the Department devoted all of its time and energies to the administration of surgical care. This is hardly the case. Although we feel we give surgical treatment superior to that obtained elsewhere, we do not consider that our obligation stops here. In seeking a full definition of our purpose we might say that not only is it our ambition to give our patients the best in surgical diagnosis and treatment but also to teach others to do the same. Only thus may we discharge the obligation imposed upon us by the motto of The New York Hospital: "Go and do thou likewise."

Thus practically every phase of the Department's activities carries a two-fold obligation; first, toward our patients, second, toward the teaching of others. The third and fourth year medical students of Cornell spend a large part of their time not only on the surgical pavilions but also in various of the surgical out-patients clinics, learning under meticulous supervision how to treat patients with surgical diseases. Much of the student nurse's time during her three-year course of training is spent on the surgical floors learning through practical experience how to perform dressings, administer drugs, and generally discharge the duties of her profession. Each year appointments to the professional staff of the Hospital include a group of recent medical school graduates who start the long and often arduous period of post-graduate training known as the surgical residency. Annually the Department graduates two to three general surgical residents as well as a resident in each specialty. These men have spent from six to eight years of intensive surgical training, at the completion of which

they are qualified to practice their chosen surgical specialty.

Nor do our teaching obligations cease here. For instance the Department of Anesthesia conducts a school which graduates yearly a number of competent nurse anesthetists; the Department of Operating Rooms provides a post-graduate course in operating room technique and supervision which has attracted graduate nurses from all over the world for further training in this specialty.

In addition to these extensive clinical and educational activities, the Department of Surgery conducts the Laboratory of Surgical Research. Here new methods of surgical treatment and diagnosis are subjected to exhaustive tests before being applied to patients. Also in this Laboratory medical students and members of the resident staff acquaint themselves with the techniques and methodologies of surgical research. In addition the senior staff continuously carries on a vigorous program of original surgical investigative work.

Thus the Department of Surgery embodies a closely integrated service under the direction of which patients receive various surgical treatments, medical students and nurses are instructed in the requisites of their profession, and an extensive research program is conducted.

FORMER NUTRITION DIRECTOR VISITS HOSPITAL

Members of the Nutrition Department were pleasantly surprised by a visit from former Director of Nutrition, S. Margaret Gillam, while she was in New York, attending the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. Miss Gillam who is located in Chicago now, as Dietary Consultant for the American Hospital Association, conducted the panel discussion on "Improving Food Service in Hospitals", for the Congress on September 9, when it met at the Hotel Commodore.

CONCERNING OPERATING SCENE

One of the approximately 3500 operations conducted during the year was this orthopedic case. Reading from left to right: Rhoda Hines, anesthetist; Dr. Robert G. Siekert; Dr. Russell Hooker, Jennie Kuziora, Patricia Johnson; Muriel Carbery, Head of the newly created Operating Room Nursing Service and Assistant Professor of Surgical Nursing; Marion Milone, Head Nurse in Charge. Until July 1, 1947, when the Nursing Service of the Operating Rooms became a separate department, Miss Carbery held the position of Assistant Professor and Head of the Nursing Service of Private Patients.

history recently by starting and maintaining the first eye bank in the country. The two urological departments with 49 beds constitute one of the largest university type services for the treatment of genito-urinary diseases in the world. We could enumerate many such statistics as these, but aggregate figures show that about 4,500 patients are admitted annually to the Hospital for surgical treatment of one kind or another, that over



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John H. Hayes *President*
George Bugbe *Executive Director*

This award was presented to John G. Dale Jr., Director of Personnel, during the ceremonies at the 49th annual convention of the American Hospital Association held in St. Louis September 21st to September 25th.

Judges for the contest were George Johnsen Director of Publications, Western Electric Company; Philip W. Jones, Industrial Relations Director, Hilton Hotels Corporation, and H. C. Wright, Director of Public Relations, International Harvester Company.

The presentation was made by John H. Hayes, A.H.A. president.

Hospi - Tales

Ann "Long Bones" Reich, the tall blonde you used to see at X-ray Desk on L-5 is now a student of our X-ray class '48. Ann was "Pulse" cover girl on the July 1945 issue.

Helen B. Lincoln, Record Librarian, spent her August vacation on a trip to the Pacific Coast visiting many interesting places en route. She went out the southern route, returning via the Canadian Rockies, Lakes Louise and Banff.

Frances Shaler (Social Service) is back well and strong after her recent illness.

We hear that Margo Lessheim, from X-ray, took the plunge. On the 29th of June she became the blushing bride of John Sachs. Congratulations newlyweds!

Our condolence to Mary Bilik, maid on 14th floor of Nurses Residence, upon news of the sudden death of her husband. Mary is one of our oldest employees in Building Service.

Marion Denton, of Record Room, and Helen Gleason, Obstetrics Admitting Registrar, enthused over their 3-day trip to Virginia and Washington, D. C., Marion is completely thrilled over her ride with an unknown southern Senator. Could it have been Claghorn?

Our Purchasing Agent, James F. Best, delivered a talk that was well received at the 49th Convention program of the American Hospital Association at St. Louis last month. Subject: "What is the Over-all Problem of Purchasing in Hospitals?"

Building Service had an unexpected visit from Mary Jennings, former payroll clerk in that department. Mary's looking mighty well these days.

Little Ann Smith, Night Dietitian in Garden Dining Room, became the bride

of Stephen Goff, a Navy man, at the Little Church Around the Corner on October 4th at 4:00 P.M. The marriage ceremony was performed by none other than Minister Hicks. Mr. Hicks is the husband of Helen Hicks, Dietitian in charge of the Garden Dining Room.

That broad grin on Al Hubert's face these days is the result of another visit by "Mr. Stork". This 9 lb. boy was born on August 26th This is Al's second son.

Mrs. Ethel Hammer Roensch, former secretary to Doctor Diethelm (Payne Whitney) now rocks the cradle of a baby boy, and Mrs. Olga Molnar Young also (P.W.) is the mother of a little girl, Susan Margaret.

Several weeks ago the Howard Maskees (Student Technician) became the proud parents of a sweet little baby boy.

Hereafter Eddie Muller will be seen hustling about at our Receiving Platform. This young man was recently transferred from Engineering Department.

Joyce Towne, secretary in Private Patients' Nursing Office, has joined our new class of Nursing Students. In her place we welcome Miss Walsh of Pediatrics O.P.D.

Smiling Rita Martin is back on her feet behind the Garden Fountain after her leg operation. We missed you, Rita!

On June 22nd, wedding bells rang at Avon Mansion, Newark, N. J. for Rose Katz and Leonard (X-ray) Brotsky.

The Nutrition Department is happy to welcome back to its staff "Ginny" Salisbury Hudak and Dorothy Clymer. Both dietitians are taking on new duties, having been away from the Hospital several months.

Comely Ann Watralik, Supervisor of Ediphone Transcription in the Record Department, was married Saturday September 12th, to Frank Babor of Connecticut. Surprise!

Mrs. Helen Borg and Mrs. Gertrude Kromm are now relieving for John (mail service) Moore while on his vacation in Dublin.

The American Association of Medical Librarians held their annual conference during the week of September 8th in New York City with joint meetings on September 10th, with the American College of Surgeons. Miss Reba August of the Record Department was a member of the hard-working local Arrangements Committee; Miss Helen Dieschbourg, Assistant Record Librarian, worked at the Registration Desk; and Miss Helen B. Lincoln participated in a panel discussion on The Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations.

Glad to know that Charlie Russell is well again and back at his job of Deliveryman in our Laundry Department.

William Santella, Window Clerk at General Stores, took for his bride, Elaine Sarapo, on July 25th, at St. Anthony's Church. Bet it was a gala celebration, Bill!

The journal of the American Hospital Association, "Hospitals", carried a story in the September issue entitled, "Preliminaries to Installing Printing Facilities" by Leonard W. McHugh, General Storekeeper and Manager of Printing here. The procedures outlined are based on policies adopted by this Hospital. We call the piece to your attention because it represents the ultimate in cooperation by Administrative and Clinical Services.

A former employee, Frances Mattison is now secretary in Nutrition Department, L-2. Frances was previously employed in Personnel Department.

After a long and patient wait, Ann Michelson has welcomed the arrival of her mother-in-law from Germany. Ann is employed in our Fancy Ironing Department.

We extend a gracious welcome to Miss Mary Brennan who has taken over the duties of Night Nursing Supervisor on Private Patients' Service.

MAKING HISTORY

N.Y.H. telecasts 8 operations to Clinical Congress of 5,000 Surgeons at Waldorf. Surgeons laud television as boon to dissemination of medical knowledge by employing a "show me" rather than a "tell me" technique.

During the week of September 8th while the American College of Surgeons was meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, The New York Hospital scored another first in what is now medical history. During that time, operations—8 in all—were telecast from an operating suite on the tenth floor to a room at the Waldorf-Astoria a mile and a half away. Only once before, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, had an operation been televised and then only to another room in the same building. A television camera was suspended over the operating table giving a "surgeon's view" of the operation. An adjoining corridor became an elaborate control room. From a nearby roof the television waves were directly beamed to a receiving aerial on a roof at the Waldorf. By means of a

special frequency and a very narrow beam all other television sets were prevented from picking up the signals. Six receiving sets enabled as many as 300-400 doctors to view the operation which by direct vision only three to four could have seen.

A microphone hung near the camera and a second one in an adjacent room enabled the surgeon and a commentator to supplement the pictorial description with a word description of the operative procedure. The enthusiasm of the doctors attending the Convention was almost beyond description. Here was a new field opened up for medical teaching—if not for the every-day teaching of a medical college—at least for large gatherings of surgeons such as this one.

This program was made possible by the cooperative efforts of the American College of Surgeons, the Radio Corporation of America, Johnson and Johnson Research Foundation and The New York Hospital.

Unfortunately due to limited space, considerable equipment and necessary

personnel, only a few members of our organization were able to get a view of the set-up.

In addition to the telecast there were many other activities going on during the week for the benefit of the visiting surgeons, more than three hundred of whom came to the hospital to both see and hear. Eleven operative demonstrations were put on by the surgical department and its specialty sub-departments; four more were carried out in the Woman's Clinic. Fourteen "dry" clinics or sessions at which scientific papers were read were given, nine by the surgical department and five by the Woman's Clinic. Daily anatomical demonstrations were given by the staff of the Cornell University Medical College.

Altogether The New York Hospital made an excellent contribution to the success of the Convention which was attended by some five thousand physicians, and once again demonstrated the fine work going on here at all times as a result of the team work of all who make up the hospital family.



Mayor William O'Dwyer is commended by a delegation of officers from the Greater New York Hospital Association on his recent action in the raising of the rates for city patients in voluntary Hospital wards to \$6 a day. Murray Sargent, the Association President expressed the hope that in the future the city will be able to raise its rates to a point more nearly in line with the operating costs of the hospitals which range from \$9 to \$14 daily. Standing from left to right are: Louis Schenkweiler, 1st Vice-President; Dr. John V. Connorton, Executive Secretary; Rev. J. J. Curry, 2nd Vice President; Mayor O'Dwyer; Dr. Edward M. Bernecker, Commissioner of Hospitals; Murray Sargent; Louis Miller, Treasurer; and F. Wilson Keller, Secretary.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK DID NOT END LAST WEEK



The Protection Department is preparing a long range program of Fire Prevention and the proper handling of extinguishers by means of moving pictures and short lectures which we hope will have the approval and interest of all here at the Hospital.



LET'S MAKE EVERY WEEK FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Welcome to Cornell Class of 1951

The Cornell Medical College Alumni Association sponsors a welcoming party each year for the freshman medical students to give them the opportunity of becoming acquainted in an informal way with their faculty members as well as with each other. The get-together for the present first year medical students was held on Friday evening, October 3, in the college dining room. Dr. Willis M. Weeden, President of the Alumni Association, presided. Dr. Paul Reznikoff introduced Dr. Joseph C. Hinsey, the Dean of the college, who welcomed the class to the institution.

Dr. Samuel Z. Levine, Professor of Pediatrics at Cornell and Pediatrician-in-Chief to The New York Hospital, was the invited speaker at the welcoming reception for the Class of 1951. Dr. Levine, a Cornell Medical College Alumnus of the Class of 1920, gave an informal talk in which he touched on the different factors contributing to the medical student's educational and scientific development and to the attainment of his final goals as an efficient and understanding doctor and a good citizen.

Refreshments were served, and the students and faculty members provided their own musical entertainment. Dr.

N. Chandler Foot played the accordion and Dr. Harold J. Stewart played the piano, with the students and members of the Faculty participating in song.

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CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Dr. Milton I. Levine, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Cornell Medical College, and Assistant Attending Pediatrician to The New York Hospital, was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Committee on BCG of the New York State Medical Society and of the New York State Department of Health.

KEEP SMILING

"Young man," the doctor exclaimed to his rapidly convalescing patient, "you owe your remarkable recovery to your wife's tender care."

"Glad to hear you admit it, doctor," came the cheerful rejoinder. "That being the case, I'll just make out the check to the little woman!"

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A storekeeper was on his deathbed, and his family were gathered around him. They were properly upset about the whole proceeding and their sobbings were highly appropriate to the occasion.

"Here we are, Poppa, all of us, pray for you."

"Is Herman here" the dying man asked.

"Yes, Poppa."

"Is Milton here?"

"Yes, Poppa."

"Is Shirley here?"

"Yes, indeed, Poppa."

The dying man jerked to a sitting position and shrieked, "Then who is taking care of the store?"

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Judge: "Give the court your name, occupation and the charge against you."

Defendant: "My name is Sparks, I am an electrician, and I am charged with battery."

Judge: "Officer, place this man in a dry cell."

Would-be employer: "Young man, do you have references from your last place of employment?"

Applicant: "Yes, sir. Here's their

letter. It reads: 'To Whom it may concern: We had Sam Jones working for us for three weeks and we can truthfully say we are satisfied!'"

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

TO CONNECT RUBBER & GLASS TUBING

WET IT

OR ROLL IT

LOUISE ZIEGLER.

Mr. William H. Jackson, President of the Board of Governors, received on August 14th a letter from the State of New York, Department of Social Welfare, reading in part, as follows:

"We are reporting in this letter on our recent visit to the New York Hospital.

"We have reviewed with interest your report for the year 1946. The New York Hospital has a proud record of achievement and last year's report showed continuous growth and expansion of the services of this large teaching institution. The coordinated activities of the Cornell Medical Center are characterized by a genuine humanitarian spirit despite the hospital's great size. It is of utmost importance that large institutions value the individual care of patients and base all activities on this concept.

"The New York Hospital has maintained high standards in achieving this objective of service to the sick, of research, of education and of community welfare. The Governing Board, the administration and the staff are to be commended for their efforts in continuing this high quality of service to the community."

Lee C. Dowling

This letter, signed by Lee C. Dowling, First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare, is complimentary to all of the employees and the administration wishes to share with them the congratulations of the Department of Social Welfare.